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EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR; WHITEHOUSE FOR Z. BRZEZINSKI

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MMOL

SUBJECT: TANK GUN ANNOUNCEMENT

1. THE DOD TENTATIVELY PLANS TO ANNOUNCE A TANK GUN
DECISION ON 20 JAN. THE PROCEDURE WILL INVOLVE DOD
EMISSARIES WHO WILL DELIVER A SEC DEF LETTER TO MODS LEBER
AND MULLEY OR THEIR DESIGNEES AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFOR-
MATION. UNDER SEC ARMY LA BERGE WILL BE EMISSARY TO BONN
AND DEP U/S DEF R. E. MOORE WILL BE EMISSARY TO LONDON.
REQUEST EMBASSIES INFORM OFFICES OF THE MODS OF SEC DEF'S
PLAN TO CALL AS PER SCHEDULE BELOW, AND PREPARE FOR AN 0915
MEETING EST. WE SUGGEST THAT AMBASSADORS ACCOMPANY THE
EMISSARIES.

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2. AS PLANNED ANNOUNCEMENT SCHEDULE IS (ALL TIMES EST):
0900 ARMY BRIEFS CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
0900 SEC DEF INFORMS MODS MULLEY AND LEBER - CAUTIONED
TO HOLD FROM PUBLIC UNTIL 1100 WASH TIME

0915 DOD EMISSARIES DELIVER SEC DEF LETTER TO MODS AND
BRIEFS ON DECISION - SAME CAUTION ON RELEASE

0915 STATE PROVIDES PRESS RELEASE TO US MISSION NATO,
US DEL MC AND US EMBASSIES BONN AND LONDON -
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SAME CAUTION ON RELEASE

1000 ARMY DELIVERS FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS

1000 ARMY NOTIFIES NEWS MEDIA OF PENDING NEWS CONFERENCE

1100 ARMY NOTIFIES UK AND FRG EMBASSIES (COPIES OF SEC
DEF LETTER)

1100 US MISSION NOTIFIES SYG LUNS AND NAC PERM REPS

1100 US DEL MC NOTIFIES MC

1100 ARMY HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE

3. TRAVEL PLANS FOR EMISSARIES WILL FOLLOW.

4. REQUEST ADDRESSEES ADVISE IF PROCEDURE OUTLINED ABOVE
CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED. CHRISTOPHER

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